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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action in the above-identified application, mailed September 16, 2005, Applicants submit this amendment and response. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), and any other required fees, to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference ISA-048.06.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.